

NCERT SOLUTIONS

CLASS - 7TH



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Chapter Name : On Equality

Q1 Do you think Kanta has enough reason to doubt whether she really is equal? List three reasons from the story above that might make her feel like this.

Answer. DIY

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Q2 Why do you think Omprakash Valmiki was being treated unequally by his teacher and his classmates? Imagine yourself as Omprakash Valmiki and write four lines about how you would feel if you were in the same situation as him.

Answer. DIY

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Q3 Why do you think the Ansaris were being treated unequally? What would you do if you were in the Ansaris' position and could not find a place to live because some people did not want to live next to you because of the religion you practice?

Answer. DIY

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Q4 If you were one of the Ansaris how would you have responded to the suggestion that you change your name?

Answer. DIY

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Q5 Can you think of an incident in your life in which your dignity was violated? How did this make you feel?

Answer. DIY

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Q6 What is the midday meal programme? Can you list three benefits of the programme? How do you think this programme might help promote greater equality?

Answer. DIY

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Q7 Find out about one government scheme in your area. What does this scheme do? Whom is this scheme set up to benefit?

Answer. DIY

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Q1 In a democracy why is universal adult franchise important?

Answer. In a democracy every citizen is equal. The concept of Universal Adult Franchise is based on equality. Therefore, it is important in a democracy. Under Universal Adult Franchise every adult irrespective of caste, creed, religion, sex etc. is allowed to vote.

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Q2 Re-read the box on Article 15 and state two ways in which this Article addresses inequality?

Answer. This Article addresses inequality in terms of access to shops, public restaurants, hotels and places of public entertainment, or [b] the use of wells, tanks, bathing ghats, roads and places of public resort maintained wholly or partly out of state funds or dedicated to the use of the general public.

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Q3 In what ways was Omprakash Valmiki's experience similar to that of the Ansaris?

Answer. Both Omprakash Valmiki and Ansaris were subjected to discrimination. Omprakash was not allowed to sit with other students in the classroom and was made to sweep the school and the playground only because he was a dalit. Similarly, the Ansaris were not given a fiat in a locality where lived the people belonging to religion other than theirs. The moment the landlady came to know about their names, she declined to rent the house. In both the cases the dignity of a person is violated.

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Q4 What do you understand by the term "all persons are equal before the law"? Why do you think it is important in a democracy?

Answer. It means that every person, from the President of the country to a domestic help like Kanta has to obey the same laws. No person can be discriminated against on the basis of their religion, race, caste etc. Every person has access to all public places including playgrounds, hotels, shops and markets. All persons can use publicly available wells, roads and bathing ghats. Equality is the soul of democracy. We know that democracy is a form of government which gives equal importance and recognition to all. If inequalities on the basis of race, religion, caste, etc continue to exist, democracy would never flourish. Instead, it would perish very soon.

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Q5 According to the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, persons with disabilities have equal rights, and that the government should make possible their full participation in society. The government has to provide free education and integrate children with disabilities into mainstream schools. This law also states that all public places including buildings, schools, etc., should be accessible and provided with ramps.

Look at the photograph and think about the boy who is being carried down the stairs. Do you think the above law is being implemented in his case? What needs to be done to make the building more accessible for him? How would his being carried down the stairs affect his dignity as well as his safety?



Answer. The boy in the photograph is disabled. As per the law this building should have been accessible for him. But we see the law is not being implemented in his case. He is being carried down by security personnels through stairs. This building does not provide ramps. The boys dignity is overlooked here. He may morally feel inferior. The way he is carried down the stars may prove dangerous. Law should take this case to the court.

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